

1982. He defeated the incumbent and took office in January 1983.

Beginning in 1983, Doug began to modernize and revamp the office of Public Guardian/Public Administrator by stressing outreach to some of the most impoverished and vulnerable citizens in Yolo County. By investigating the need for protective services, conservatorships, and other benefits, he extended the social safety network to those in need.

Once in office, Doug initiated a comprehensive review program of any mental health referral in order to protect an individual's rights during a conservatorship investigation. He worked with the state ombudsman for the care of nursing facility residents who lack the capacity to give informed consent for surgical treatment, and he has helped to draft laws and regulations to protect elderly Medi-Cal recipients from losing their homes. He has also advocated for federal legislation resulting in the reinstatement of benefits for incompetent veterans.

During Doug's tenure in office, he served as president of the California State Association of Public Guardians/Public Administrators and co-founded the National Guardian Association which provides education and training on protective services nationwide. From 1994 to 1995, he also served as president of that association. During his years as Yolo County's Public Guardian/Public Administrator, Doug has become a nationally recognized expert on aging, conservatorship reform, long term care, the disabled, and mental health systems.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank Doug Kaplan for his years of friendship and to wish him the best in his future endeavors. Doug has been a real asset to the people of my congressional district. I salute him for his efforts and commend him for his service.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE JOSEPH M. MCDADE, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

SPEECH OF

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to JOE MCDADE, the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania, as he prepares to retire after 36 years of service to the country and his constituents. Throughout his 18 terms, JOE MCDADE played key roles in areas ranging from energy and the environment, to America's highways and national defense, all the while displaying grace and dignity under sometimes adverse circumstances.

In the 10th District of Pennsylvania, JOE MCDADE is known as a friend to his constituents, a man whose work as a Member of this House always aimed to help the individuals who sent him here. Among other things, he fought to create better opportunities for small business, to help former coal miners re-train for new careers after many mines closed, and to ensure that local hospitals, highways, and schools were the best that they could be.

As a member of the Appropriations Interior Subcommittee, he addressed issues including alternative sources of energy in order to limit dependence on foreign oil. He devoted consid-

erable effort to funding environmental infrastructure improvements such as sewage treatment facilities and flood control.

JOE MCDADE's contributions reach the national level as well. As a member of the Appropriations Defense Subcommittee during the 1980s, JOE played a key role in crafting defense and national security legislation. It is in no small part a result of his work that the U.S. was able to achieve a peaceful end to the Cold War from a position of strength and readiness.

I join my colleagues today in congratulating JOE MCDADE on a distinguished career. He has been a positive force for this nation and for this House. I wish him continued success in his endeavors and a long and productive retirement.

TRIBUTE TO HARRY D. FRELS

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 1998

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with respect and admiration for a man of great fortitude and commitment to the world community. It is with great pleasure that I extend my high commendation to Harry D. Frels of San Diego, CA, who has served on the Kiwanis International Foundation's board since 1993 and served as President of the Foundation this year. The Kiwanis International Foundation is the charitable arm of Kiwanis International, one of the world's leading service clubs. There are currently 8,570 Kiwanis clubs in 82 nations. The Kiwanis family of service organizations numbers more than 600,000 adult and youth volunteers. Harry Frels has traveled as far as France and Korea to promote the foundation's goals and programs.

The Kiwanis International Foundation is playing a central role in the Kiwanis Worldwide Service Project. In partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund, Kiwanis clubs have pledged to raise \$75 million to assist nations in eliminating iodine deficiency disorders (IDD) the leading preventable cause of mental retardation in the world today. Under Harry Frels' leadership, the Foundation reached the \$32 million mark in fulfilling this commitment, and these funds have been distributed to support IDD programs in more than 65 nations. UNICEF estimates that these Kiwanis-funded IDD programs are now saving more than 6 million children from mental retardation each year.

Harry Frels is a Marine Corps veteran of World War II. He has been a Kiwanis member since 1961 and has served as president of both the North Hollywood and the San Diego Kiwanis clubs. He is currently the San Diego club's secretary and executive director. In addition to Kiwanis, he has served his community in many ways, including as a board member or chairman of the San Diego Hall of Champions, the YMCA of San Diego County, the Salvation Army Central Advisory Board, the Greater San Diego Sports Association, and the San Diego Holiday Bowl.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to pay tribute to Harry D. Frels who is always ready to contribute his time and talents to meet the needs of his community and the world. Although he is stepping down as President of

the Kiwanis International Foundation, I am confident his lifestyle of and commitment to public service will continue for years to come.

POLISH LEGION OF AMERICAN VETERANS CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 1998

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in honor of the Woodrow Wilson Post No. 11, Polish Legion of American Veterans, USA, which this year is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

At the conclusion of World War I, various groups of American veterans of Polish descent formed organizations for the purpose of preserving the spirit of patriotism and American ideals, which arose from their service in the United States Armed Forces.

Woodrow Wilson Post No. 11 carries the distinction of being the first such organization in the State of Wisconsin. Formed on September 28, 1923, Woodrow Wilson Post No. 11 was founded by Walter Lewandowski, who moved from Chicago and patterned the Wisconsin post after the Alliance of American Veterans of Polish Extract, later changed in 1932 to the Polish Legion of American Veterans.

The first administration of the Woodrow Wilson Post No. 11 was Walter Lewandowski, Commander; Mathew Lewandowski, Vice Commander; Chester Zaremski, Adjutant; Stephen Czerniejewski, Treasurer; John Czulinski, John Ignaczak and Louis Bryl, Board of Directors.

Three years after the Post was established, a Ladies Legion was formed, which changed its name to Auxiliary in 1947. The ladies enriched the organization by performing voluntary work for the organization which was dedicated to Americanism and American Veterans of Polish Descent.

Members of the Woodrow Wilson Post were instrumental in organizing Posts Cudahy, Racine, Kenosha, and South Milwaukee. The Post has sponsored six national conventions of the Polish Legion of American Veterans and yearly sponsors activities to foster and promote Polish-American heritage in the greater Milwaukee area.

Mr. Speaker, the Woodrow Wilson Post No. 11 represents the best of the best. The freedom and strength of America are in large part due to their actions both at home and abroad. I wish to commemorate and congratulate the past and present members of Woodrow Wilson Post No. 11 on their sacrifice and devotion to our country and community.

THE HEROISM OF STANTON THOMPSON

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 1998

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to pay tribute to Higginsville, Missouri, resident, Rear Admiral Stanton Thompson (USNR), who recently put his life